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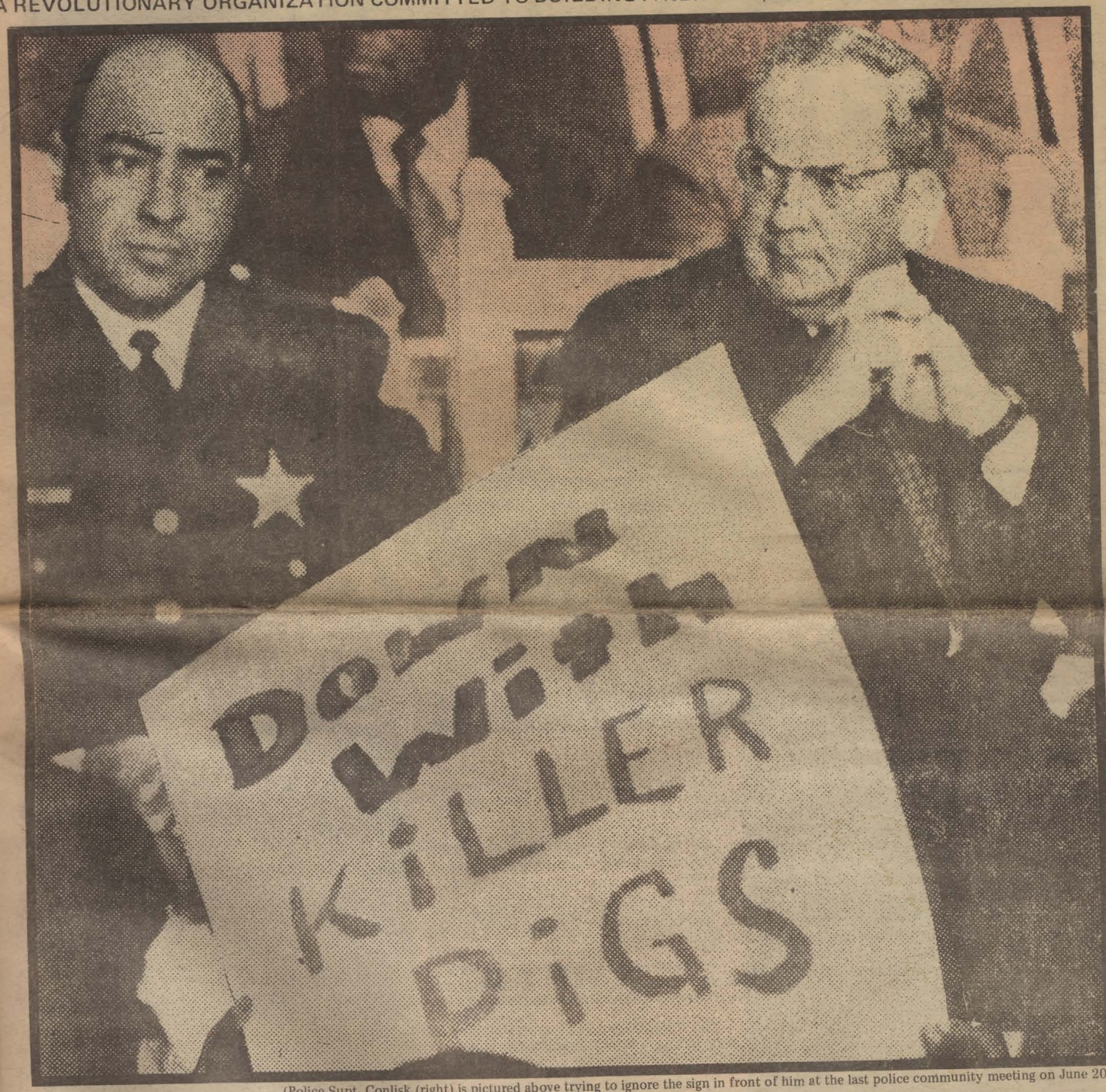

(Police Supt. Conlisk (right) is pictured above trying to ignore the sign in front of him at the last police community meeting on June 20)

CHICAGO POLICE KILL THREE TIMES AS MANY PEOPLE THAN ARE KILLED BY POLICE IN ANY OTHER CITY. IT HAS RECENTLY BEEN PROVEN THAT POLICE ARE INVOLVED IN EXTORTION, DRUGS, AND MURDER; YET, THE POLICEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS CHARGE THAT CONLISK HAS TIED THEIR HANDS -- THE ONLY THING HE'S TIED THEIR HANDS TO IS THEIR GUNS.

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RISING UP ANGRY MEETS WITH A VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATIVE

On Saturday, June 17, 2 representatives of Rising Up Angry, Bob Lawson and Christine George, along with representatives from the Black Workers Congress and other U.S. and Canadian revolutionary and progressive organizations met with Nguyen Van Bah, a representative of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam (PRG), (called the Vietcong by U.S. government) in Windsor, Ontario. The purpose of the meeting was to reaffirm the friendship of the American and Canadian people with the Vietnamese people and to show our total support for the PRG. Also, we wanted to find out from our Vietnamese friends what was really happening in Vietnam.

The heaviest thing about the meeting was the true friendship that the Vietnamese people have for the people of the U.S. and how clearly they understand that the majority of the people here are against the war. The Vietnamese understand it is only the U.S. government and big business and military men that are waging war against their country in the name of the American people. This was demonstrated so clearly because Van Bah, as a representative of the PRG, was an official representative of the people of South Vietnam. The PRG is the only real government in South Vietnam, even though the U.S. continually refers to it as the "Vietcong." The PRG was founded in June, 1969 at a Congress of Representatives of South Vietnamese people. It now controls and governs 4/5's of the land of South Vietnam. It is recognized as the official government of South Vietnam by over 25 countries; it has embassies in many countries around the world and has a seat at the Paris Peace Talks. Most importantly the majority of the people of South Vietnam regard the PRG, not the U.S. backed Thieu regime, as their government.

In a number of question and answer periods we learned a lot about the war from our Vietnamese friends.

First, we found out that the Blockade and mining of the harbors of North Vietnam and the increased bombing hasn't slowed down the Vietnamese peoples' war efforts. That's because most of the supplies that the liberation army (Vietcong) uses aren't from Russia or China but from the U.S. That's right, ask anyone who's ever been in the army in Nam. When the liberation army needs weapons, food or radios etc. they just rip them off from the Americans or from the ARVN (South Vietnamese puppet government troops). So the major source of their supplies hasn't changed because of the U.S. escalation.

Facts about the war:

(1) The U.S. government has dropped 13.4 million tons of bombs on the people of Indochina.

(2) In the last 3 years Nixon has dropped 7 million tons of bombs on the people of Indochina.

(3) There are over 6 million refugees of U.S. bombing in South Vietnam (over 1/3 of the total population).

(4) 44% of the wooded area and 43% of the cultivated area of South Vietnam has been devastated by U.S. chemical warfare.

(5) 730,000 acreas of cultivated land and forests has been bulldozered by the U.S. to destroy the environment.

(6) over a million people have been murdered.

The mining of the harbors of Hanoi and Haiphong hasn't hurt the war effort because the Vietnamese people have been able to locate the mines as soon as they are dropped, then divers are sent down to remove the mines and then the mines are taken to the south to be used against the Americans and ARVN's.

The bombing of bridges has been equally ineffective because the bridges that the Vietnamese use to transport their supplies are floating bridges (barges) that are used only at night and disassembled and hidden in the day time.

At the same time that the U.S. escalation has been ineffective the Vietnamese offensive has been very successful. While concentrating U.S. and ARVN troops in 3 major cities, the PRG has liberated 4/5 of the countryside, *including the entire province of QuangTri.* So the overall effect of Nixon's strategy has been to drive more people over to the side of the PRG, to increase the will of the Vietnamese people to fight and win, and, of course, to continue to murder innocent Indochinese people.

The way to end the war and get all the POW's released is very easy and very clear and the Vietnamese have told this to Nixon over and over again—that is to agree to the PRG's 7 point peace proposal. The 2 main points of this proposal are:

1. Regarding the military situation: the U.S. must set a date for the total withdrawal of all U.S. troops, military personnel, weapons and war materials and those of its allies.

2. Regarding the political situation in South Vietnam: The U.S. must end its intervention in the internal affairs of South Vietnam and stop backing the regime of Nguyen Van Thieu.

Once this is agreed to the fighting will stop and the POW's will be released immediately.

When we asked Mr. Van Bah what we could do to help end the war he said to continue to educate the American people to the criminal actions of the U.S. government and to make sure that Nixon was defeated in November. All of us there promised the Vietnamese that we would continue to do anything we could to help end the war. We reaffirmed our support for the PRG and the PRG's 7 point peace proposal. As it was getting time for the meeting to end, Mr. Van Bah said that he hoped the next time he met us it would be in our country and that when the war was over we could all get together (Vietnamese and Americans) and have a big dance!!

Stop The War Now!
Victory For The Vietnamese!

PEOPLE'S GRAPEVINE

CONLISK HEARS TRUTH AT FINAL POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEET

Supt. Conlisk went to his last police community relations meeting Tuesday night (June 20th) for the Englewood and Wentworth districts. Community people went there, not only to protest the harassment, brutality and murder that goes on in their neighborhoods by police, but in the city as a whole. It was learned Tuesday that 9 pigs are under investigation for the brutal murders of 7 Black businessmen. For this, and many more reasons, the people from the Englewood and Wentworth areas went to the meeting led by Patrolman Renault Robinson, president of the Afro-American Patrolman's League.

Renault was dressed in his uniform along with a few other members of the AAPL. They brought bullhorns to use to speak because they knew that was the only way they'd get a chance at one of Conlisk's meetings. People carried signs which read: DOWN WITH KILLER PIGS!, POLICE KILL FOR PROFIT, FIRE CONLISK, and many others which expressed their anger with the police. The meeting turned into chaos with Rev. Wilbur Daniel, pastor of the Baptist church where the meeting was held and also Vice-president of the Chicago Police Board, shouting, "Remember you are in the house of God." Then someone from the crowd said, "Well, get the devil out of here!" - meaning Conlisk. The meeting ended shortly after this, with Conlisk hearing the people's complaints once more and still not acting on them.

STOP THE PIGS!
SERVE THE PEOPLE!

Renault Robinson of the Afro-American Patrolman's League.

Brother from Albany Park reads statement at Conlisk meeting in the 17th district.

ALBANY PARK

When people from the Albany Park Community Center heard that Superintendent of Police James Conlisk was coming to 16th & 17th districts, we printed up leaflets that explained that Conlisk was coming to hear peoples' complaints on police harassment and brutality. We took the leaflets around to different parks, schoolyards, and hangouts and rapped with people who are often harassed, arrested on bogus charges, and beaten by police.

On Tuesday night, June 13th, about 40 people went to the meeting at Foreman High School to make sure that the truth about police brutality and harassment would get told. We walked into the meeting to find about 150 people already there, the vast majority of them being supporters of the police.

The "master of ceremonies" at the meeting was a newspaper publisher who throughout the night licked Conlisk's boots, talking all the time about what a great guy Conlisk is. He introduced businessmen and police for about 45 minutes. Conlisk spoke and the only mellow thing in his speech was when he forgot the verse when he was quoting from "America the Beautiful". Then the m.c. asked questions from cards that people in the audience wrote up. He said he was asking questions that would reflect everyone's viewpoint, but ours definitely wasn't represented. No questions about police brutality were asked.

A brother who represented the Community Center stepped to the microphone and said that he wanted to make a statement. The m.c. said, "No statements, only questions"! Our people started chanting "Let our representative speak," but he called on other people and this one dude rapped for about three minutes about how great the police were, without asking a question, and without any objection from the m.c. chump. After that, the m.c. had to yield to the pressure of 40 people who wanted to speak. A brother gave some examples of police brutality and said that we supported the demands of Congressman Metcalfe and the Concerned Citizens for Police Reform. He pointed out that police brutality is very heavy in Black and Latin neighborhoods, and that we came to point out that it happens very often in white neighborhoods.

The clown who was m.c. said, "This is wonderful. First we have an opinion for, then one against. This is what makes America so great. On this note, let's all stand up and pledge allegiance to our flag."

It was obvious that they didn't care about a word we said, so we walked out during the pledge. About 10 people, who didn't come in with us, marched out with us.

We came out of the meeting feeling good. Some of the older people came up to us and said they dug what we said; so many brothers and sisters united around this issue. Every time we come together, we'll take a bigger step, and we'll keep moving until we control our own lives. We don't dig fascists running it for us.

COMMUNITY CONTROL OF POLICE– NOT POLICE CONTROL OF THE COMMUNITY!

Brothers and sisters from Kedvale Park at Conlisk meeting for 14th & 15th districts.

KEDVALE PARK

On June 7, 1972, a lot of us went with other neighborhoods to tell Superintendent Conlisk our complaints about the police in our neighborhoods. We were fed up to the neck with harassment and abuse from the police. We figured the only way to be heard was to go in a group; we realized if we went alone and complained they'd put us down. I mean, here I come in and tell my complaint with all these rich or middle class politicians and aldermen there, I'd look like I was the only one with problems. So, we came as a group, *along with Rising* Up Angry.

The first thing that made us mad was *we filled out cards with our complaints on* them and after we turned them in they told us we had to put our district down because there were two different districts there. Since they were already done taking in the cards, we couldn't put it on. The second thing was we thought this meeting was to hear people's complaints but for a whole hour they took up time introducing some dumb aldermen and politicians. No one ever heard of them except all the people who worked for the city – and the place was packed with them.

Well first off, two brothers in front, I guess, got super mad and stood on the chairs and started yelling "All Power to the People". So, everyone from the community began to yell also. The next thing we know these city workers and plainclothes pigs (we knew they were pigs because we see them almost every day) started beating and kicking the brothers. A lot of us tried to help but we were knocked back and hit and pushed out the back door. Pigs were screaming at us to get the hell out of the neighborhood. Most of us stayed.

Well, it may have looked bad to some people, but to us it helped; because for the first time, in a long time, the pigs haven't been around the neighborhood. One of the guys at the park told me he saw two policemen the day after the meeting and they weren't like they usually are. The way we see it, the police are starting to see unity in our community – so I think they'll lay off, for awhile at least, I guess, until they can think of some more tricks.

But, we are also learning more tricks -- such as how much we can do when we are unified!

POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

SOLIDARITY WITH UNITED FRONT OF CAIRO

On June 2nd, brothers and sisters from Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Rising Up Angry, and Friends of Angry, went down to Cairo, Illinois, to show our support for the United Front of Cairo on it's 3rd Anniversary. Two years ago, on at least 180 out of 365 days, the pigs shot into Pyramid Court, the main black housing project. The people in the black community responded by refusing to be intimidated. They armed themselves in self-defense, and started a boycott of all the white stores. That boycott is still going on and we went down there to bring them food, medical supplies, and clothing so they can continue the boycott. The Black people of Cairo want equal prices, equal opportunity for employment and decent housing. The United Front expresses solidarity with a large portion of poor whites. They know it is a class struggle. The people are really together. The thing I dug most was the solidarity.

Among the people who came down to Cairo was Bobby Rush of the Black Panther Party here in Chicago. He rapped about Serving the People and how the Panthers were going to help their Black brothers and sisters with food and anything else they could. The brother really got it on and the people dug him. Bill Hampton, the brother of Fred Hampton who was gunned down along with Mark Clark by Hanrahan and his thugs, was there also, to show his support. Power to the People was in the hearts and the minds of everyone there.

REPRESSION BREEDS RESISTANCE!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

Young brothers greets people from VVAW, RUA and FOA in Cairo.

COMRADE RUCHELL MAGEE

ANGELA DAVIS ACQUITTED —FREE RUCHELL MAGEE

On June 4, Angela Davis, a black, communist sister in the struggle, was acquitted of all charges by an all-white jury in Santa Clara, California. Sister Angela's case was known all over the world because it was so clearly a frame up by the U.S. and California governments.

Angela Davis was on trial for conspiracy to murder and kidnap in connection with an August 7, 1970, shootout at a Marin County, California, courthouse where brothers Jonathan Jackson, James McClain and William Christmas and pig judge Harold Haley were murdered. The reason that Angela was charged, according to the state, was because she helped invent the plot to kidnap the judge and then exchange his life for freeing the Soledad Brothers (3 black prisoners who were charged with killing a guard at Soledad prison). The state had absolutely no evidence—only some letters between Angela and Brother George Jackson, one of the Soledad Brothers who was later murdered at San Quentin Prison.

The real reason that Angela was charged with murder and held in jail for a year without bail was because she was a black woman communist who was a leader in the struggle for all poor and oppressed people to be free. She is a threat to the pigs and they wanted to get rid of her; but they couldn't convince an all white jury of her involvement in any plot. So now Sister Angela is back with us in the struggle.

Brother Ruchell Magee, the only person to live thru the August 7th shootout, is being charged with murder too. And he is not allowed access to the press because he is in prison. We must all demand that Ruchell be set free.

Just because Angela beat her case doesn't mean that Angela or any of us are really free. Angela's release does show what the power of the people can do. What we have to do now is put that power to work to free all of the people. Thousands of people are in jail injustly. Brother Ruchell still faces trial. The masses of the people are still oppressed, still hungry, still go to court and are railroaded, still need jobs and decent places to live.

FREE ANGELA, FREE RUCHELL, FREE ALL OF US. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

PBC

On Sunday, June 4th, the first annual Frank Christodoulas (Fatso) Memorial Day was held. Brothers and sisters took over the Burley school playground and had a people's party.

The music was supplied by Taxi, the band brother Frank drummed for, and by two brothers, Rabbit and Larry, who played some heavy jams for the people. Everybody had a good time digging the good vibes.

The day celebrated Brother Frank's birthday, which was June first, he would have been 19 years old. Brother Frank died last March 26th, but his spirit and love of the people did not die and he will live on in the hearts of all the people who knew him.

Frank was a victim of this capitalist system – a system that brutalizes and murders millions of people each day. Check out how many die in Vietnam by U.S. bombs; or how many that die on the streets of any city from pigs bullets; or how many die from curable diseases because of a lack of medical care; or how many die from injuries suffered because of unsafe working conditions; or how many brothers and sisters are poisoned with dope. This is a system that is against the majority of the people. So it's run by a few people who have no desire to share and distribute their wealth; which was made off the work of the people. This is the system that we must fight and unite against in order to build a new world. Through unity there is victory -- for nothing is greater than the power of the people.

Memorial celebration for brother Frank at Burley schoolyard.

A brother from P.B.C., Butch, is going to need major surgery. Brother Butch is a bleeder, and it is going to take a lot of blood transfusions to get him by this surgery. It will be a tremendous expense to his family because he will need possibly around 1,000 pints. So, we are asking anybody who wants to donate a pint of blood to go to any hospital or blood bank and give a pint of blood in the name of Frank Jacobs at Ravenswood Hospital.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

IS OURS TO BUILD

RISING UP ANGRY LEGAL RIGHTS PROGRAM

Two years ago Rising Up Angry began its legal program because people in the neighborhoods where we worked were constantly in trouble with the law and couldn't afford legal advice or lawyers. Since then, we have provided help for people through our legal clinics. People have been able to get free and inexpensive lawyers and advice. During this time it has become clear to us that there is a double standard of justice in the U.S. There is one legal system for the rich and another system for the rest of us. We have found out that just organizing legal clinics is not enough.

Although some legal rights are guaranteed to us in the Consitution, these rights are often brushed aside by policemen, judges, landlords, welfare workers, employers, banks, loan companies, teachers and others who have power over us. In addition, most laws that govern us have little to do with justice.

We have the power to change things only when we organize to demand real justice. Strength is in our unity. Power is in organization –so the Rising Up Angry Legal Rights Program is inviting brothers and sisters from all over Chicago to join us in taking direct action to demand our legal rights and to demand justice for our people. We will organize and conduct demonstrations and other actions all over the city to draw attention to injustice and to support people in their struggles to gain legal rights. In addition, we will continue to expand and improve the quality of our legal clinics and services.

On Monday night, the Rising Up Angry Legal Rights Program held a meeting of people from neighborhoods from both the north and south sides of Chicago. Many people signed up to help on the program. You can join us. Here's what you can do to help:

(fill out this form)

Rising Up Angry Legal Rights Program
I can:

( ) Leaflet in my neighborhood, school, job.
( ) Make telephone calls for demonstrations & meetings
( ) Come to demonstrations
( ) Help with films, photographs and tape recordings
( ) Be a legal representative in my neighborhood
( ) Do research and investigation

Name_____

Address & Zip Code_____

Phone Number_____

Return to: Rising Up Angry, P.O. Box 3746, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill. 60654.

8 YEAR OLD BOY LOCKED IN A&P FREEZER

A woman from the neighborhood around Irving Park and Sheffield sent her 8 year old son to the store to get some food last Tuesday (June 6th). He didn't come back for an hour and she thought maybe he was helping people carry groceries home. When he did come in, he was chilled and shivering and very frightened. At the A&P on Sheridan and Freemont, he had been locked in a refridgerator by store employees – to teach him not to steal. They accused him of trying to steal a peach.

This is an outrageous torture (locking an 8 year old boy in a freezer can be called nothing less). When the boy's mother went to complain, the manager was not even "available" for a comment. The boy's mother is demanding that these employees be discharged, but more than that; that store managers stop encouraging their employees to be judges, juries and (as in this case) jailers of any customers they are suspicious of.

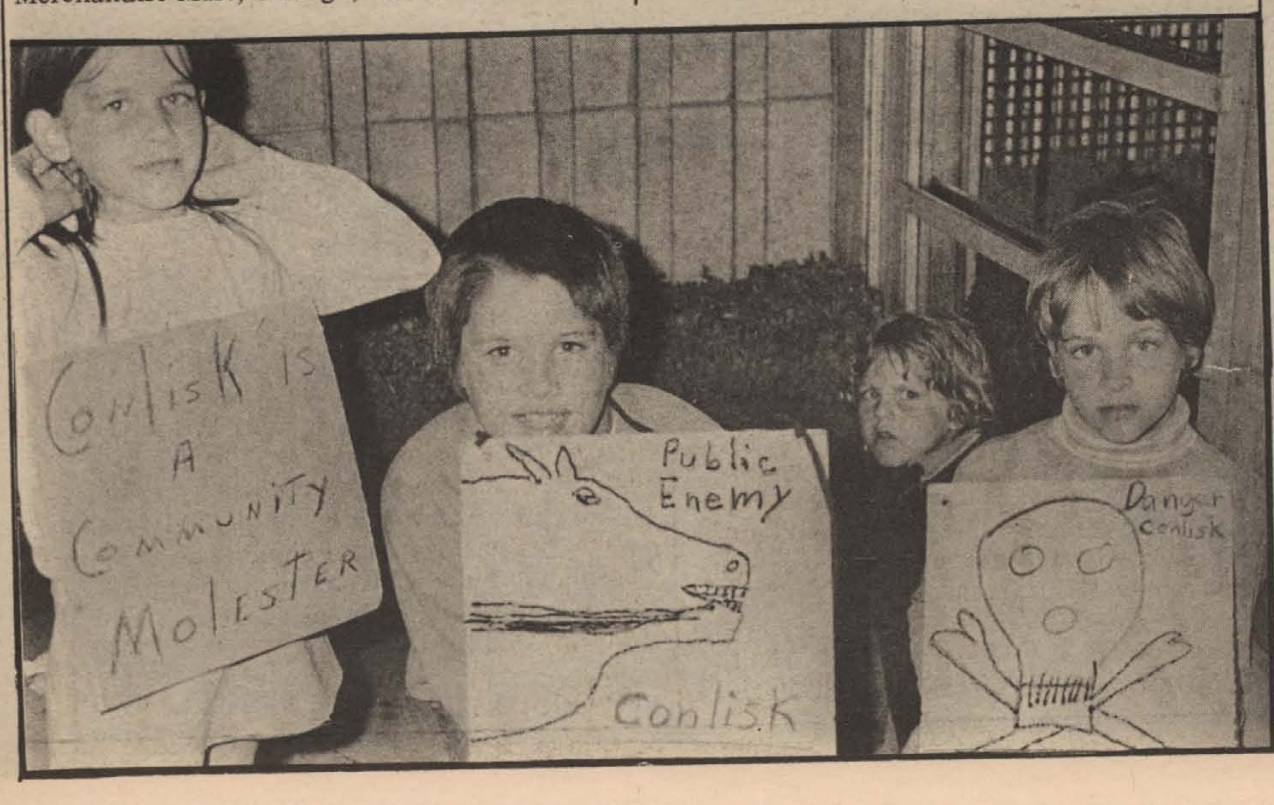
AUDY HOME IS BEING SUED

As many of us know from first-hand experience, Audy Home is not the least bit like a "home." It is a prison in which our brothers and sisters are punished for such "crimes" as looking out the window, talking at mealtime, talking after lights are out, and so on.

And the punishments are cruel. A brother or sister may be kept in the "hole" for days on end, or be made to walk up and down four flights of stairs to the point of exhaustion. These are just a few examples of what happens in Audy. (See RUA, vol.3, No. 14 for more details). So, after being sent to Audy unjustly in the first place, they are treated inhumanly once they get there.

But the people will not stand for such treatment. A lawyer for the Legal Aid Bureau has brought a suit against Audy Home, on behalf of Cynthia Perrone, John Bell, and others, to put a stop to such inhumane abuses. The case will be heard July 11, 9:30 a.m. before Judge Tone at Federal Court.

JAIL THE JAILERS!
FREE THE PEOPLE!



ALBANY PARK

There's this one little pig named Foley who has been around the Kimball & Lawrence "L" station. He's on "Special Operations," which means he just creeps around looking for people to bust. And that's what this chump's been doing. People have been getting busted for just standing on the corner.

His only purpose in the neighborhood is to hassle people so that they son't be able to bet together. He's even walked into the grill to bust people, and all the people around really hate him. He tried to bust the people aroung
really hate him. He tried to bust this one brother in front of the restaurant, but the brother punched him in the face and ran. He hasn't been around for a little while, but you can bet he's still into brutality, harassment, and arrests. This pig has got to go!

A PIG, IS A PIG, IS A PIG!

THE BEAT OF

BUENA AND BROADWAY

On Friday morning, June 9th, at about 4 a.m., we were leaving a bar and going home. We pulled up to a stop sign at the corner of Buena & Broadway as two pig cars came up behind us with their lights flashing. I pulled around the corner and got out to find out what was happening.

The pigs jumped out and came up to me with their guns pulled and told me to get back in my car and not to move. They ran across the street just as three more squads came up from the other direction.

There was a group of 9 Black brothers and sisters standing on the corner, talking. The pigs ran up to them and threw them up against the wall. The pigs had their guns in their backs. All the people were searched and pushed a-round. The pigs told them they weren't human so they weren't going to treat them like humans. After they were searched, they were all released. The last pig off the corner told them to "stay off his corner."

Who's corner? The people who live in that neighborhood or the pig's from across town? Pig harassment and repression of Blacks and Latins must stop - now! It will take the unity and strength of all the people to stop the pigs.

DARE TO STRUGGLE - DARE TO WIN!
STOP THE PIG - SERVE THE PEOPLE!

UNITED FARM WORKERS ASK — DON'T BUY LETTUCE

On June 4th, Cesar Chavez, of the United Farm Workers, ended a 24 day fast. At that time he said: "The fast was meant as a call to sacrifice for justice and as a reminder of how much suffering there is among farm workers. In fact, what is a few days without food in comparison to the daily pain of our brothers and sisters who do backbreaking work in the fields under inhuman conditions and without hope of ever breaking their cycle of poverty and misery. What a terrible irony it is that the very people who harvest the food we eat do not have enough food for their own children."

The Arizona Legislature and the Governor have responded to pressure from the American Farm Bureau Federation and the lettuce growers and have enacted a law which makes it impossible for farm workers to organize and exercise free collective bargaining in the state of Arizona. Farm workers cannot engage in consumer boycotts; supporters of the union could be arrested for telling their friends not to buy lettuce. The bill is discriminatory. It is aimed only at farm workers who are mostly Black, Brown and Indian. No other labor force is asked to live with these repressive measures.

In a letter to Rising Up Angry, Cesar wrote: "Our only strength is in our own work and sacrifice, and in the understanding and support of millions of Americans. This means that much of our strength rests with you...We have no choice but to ask our good friends around the nation to make a small sacrifice and pledge not to eat or buy lettuce. The most effective way you can help the farm worker movement at this time is to give up lettuce until the lettuce growers fully recognize their workers' right to their own union."

VIVA LA CAUSA!
SUPPORT THE UNITED FARM WORKERS!
DON'T BUY LETTUCE!

THE PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE

An Emergency Summit Conference of Asian, Black, Brown, Puerto Rican and Red people against the war and in support of all liberation struggles was held in Gary, Indiana on June 3–4, the first such meeting ever held in the United States.

The conference also agreed to establish a National Clearing House of Information to build communications and solidarity among Third World peoples in the United States; to support a Peoples' Solidarity Day on August 19, 1972, with the purpose of demonstrating solidarity with the Indo-Chinese peoples and among the oppressed nationalities of the U.S.; to support a Unity Treaty of Oppressed Minorities that was introduced by Mad Bear.

Other resolutions adopted included a proclamation of September 23, 1972 as a Day of Solidarity with the Puerto Rican National Liberation struggle (September 23 is the anniversary of the Grito de Lares, a historic event marking the birth of the Puerto Rican nation.) In addition, the conference recognized and agreed to support Hiroshima-Nagasaki Day, August 6, in oppostion to the use of nuclear weapons against civilians during World War II and the inhumane type of warfare being used in southeast Asia today.

Several resolutions of support for the Red peoples' struggle were also adopted, including the demand that the United States stop drafting "Indians" into military service because it is a violation of their sovereign, treaty rights. Support was also voted for the African Liberation fighters, and all other revolutionary forces around the world.

Finally, the conference adopted with warm enthusiasm the resolution of 7 year old Tracy Pace, one of numerous children who attended the conference, which stated: "We should get together as one group. Then we should talk it over. And don't stay away from each other. We should join a big organization and make a whole new world together. . ."

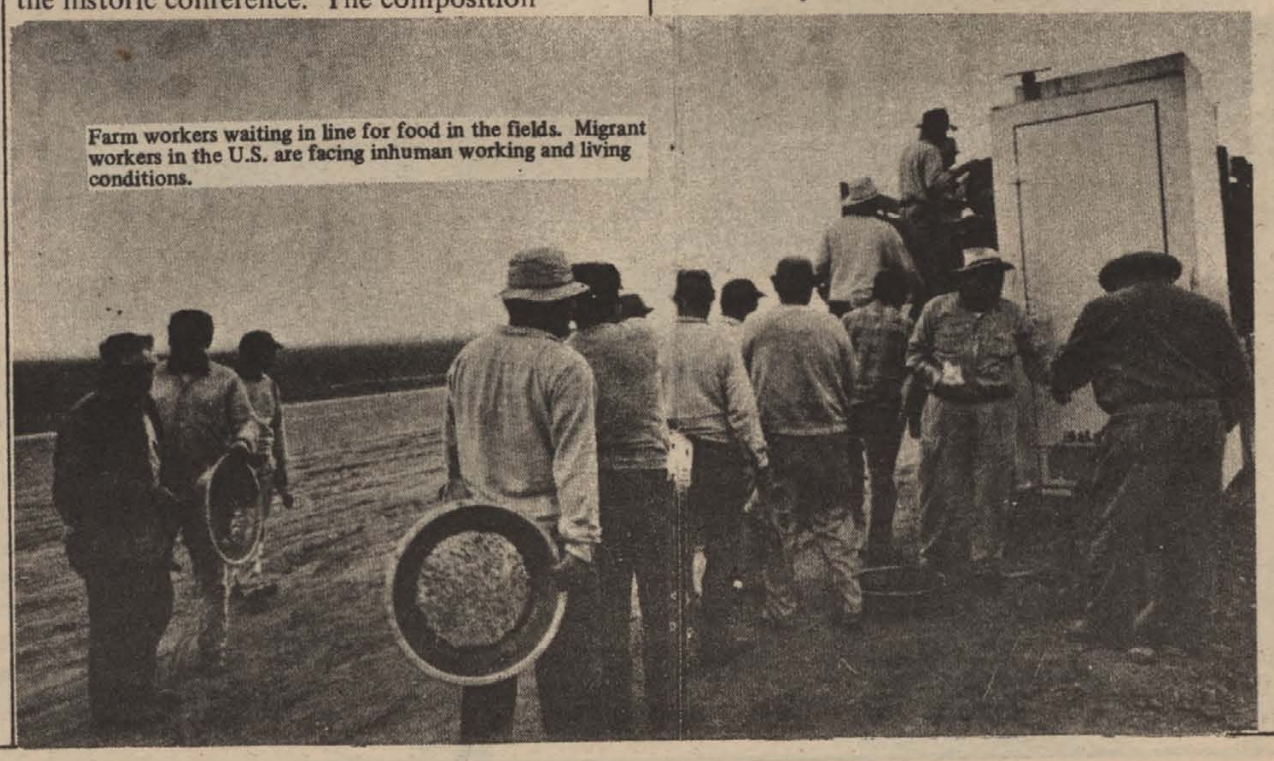
The Peoples' Solidarity Committee is seeking political and financial support to continue its work. Please address all communications to: The Peoples' Solidarity Committee, P.O. Box 46, Gary, Indiana 46401; (219) 883-7481, Attention: Sandra Scott.

Over 300 delegates, including representatives of more than 50 grass - roots organizations and united front coalitions attended the historic conference. The composition of people was predominately working class and oppressed people. Major presentations were given by Rudolfo "Corky" Gonzales, Director of the Crusade for Justice in Denver, Colorado; Hank Adams, Chairman of Survival of "Indians" in Tacoma, Washington; Mad Bear, National Director of "Indian" Nationalist Movement of North America and President of the League of Nations of Pan-Am "Indians"; Chairman of the conference was James Forman, Executive Secretary of the Black Workers' Congress.

The conference agreed to establish a "Solidarity Committee of Asian, Black, Brown, Chicano, Puerto Rican and Red People."(The Peoples' Solidarity Committee). Its main political principles are: Victory to the Vietnamese and other Indo-Chinese peoples, and complete support for the Seven Point Peace Proposal of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam. The Solidarity Committee will aim to develop a broad-based movement against the war and in support of all liberation struggles, with emphasis on involving working people of the United States. In forming the Peoples' Solidarity Committee, the conference recognized "an indivisible struggle against racism, capitalism, and imperialism amongst ourselves in North America and the people of Indo -China. The fight for freedom and justice, and the fight against hunger and disease, the fight for a better life, is the same struggle whether it occurs in the barrios, the black ghettos, "Indian" reservations, at the point of production, the back streets of Chinatowns, or South Vietnam."

ARMITAGE & ST. LOUIS

A lot of things have been happening up here lately. Mostly busts. We have a new pig around here who hassles people practically every day. Pig Nick is his name and he's busted people here once a week for the last 4 weeks. That's not counting all the minor hassles he's been giving us. The last bust was so stupid - there were 8 people standing on the porch where we hang out. The pigs came along and frisked us as usual. They found 2 pipesful of grass in a baggy in a mailbox. So, they took everyone in. Later, they let 4 go but kept 4 (who were over 18) on a disorderly charge. This pig is saying we can't hang together and hassling us too much. Maybe if we're lucky he won't remain healthy.



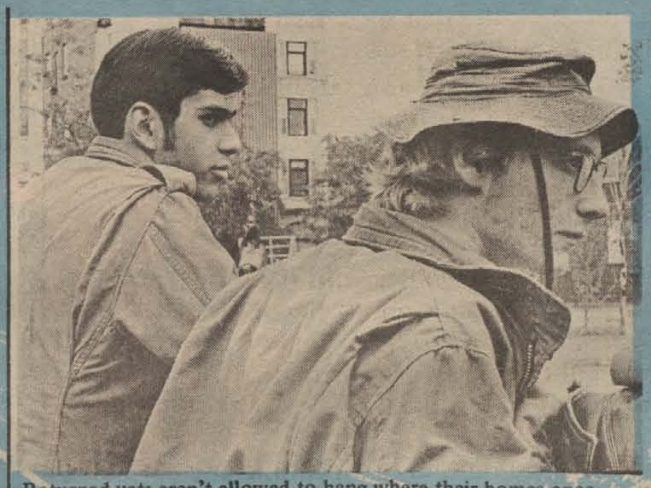
Farm workers waiting in line for food in the fields. Migrant workers in the U.S. are facing inhuman working and living conditions.

THE PEOPLE

"BACK IN THE HOOD"
brothers, sisters & urban renewal

There is a neighborhood to the immediate north and west of Chicago's Oldtown that is bordered by North Ave. on the south, Webster on the North, Lincoln Ave. on the east, and Halsted to the west. This used to be the home of many white and Latin working people. Now, most of their former houses have been torn down or remodeled. Where homes once stood, there is a building boom of identical little plastic town houses; hundreds are complete and more are going up. Where the urban renewal land isn't being used for these, its being used for hospital parking lots. The little town houses go for $500 down, $200 a month on a 20 year mortgage – (for the cheapest ones). Thats $48,000 for a small house that is built so cheap it won't last 15 years. Where thousands of working people lived, there is now a great influx of "swinging young moderns", professionals, fancy people who work downton. They arrived on the heels of years of urban renewal which worked for the newcomers against the former residents. It meant that almost an entire community of working people was wiped out.

What has happened to the community people who once lived there? As the neighborhood was torn down most of the people were forced to find new places to live. What was once a community was now scattered all over the north and northwest side. But the younger brothers and sisters have stuck together, even though less than ¼ of them still live in the neighborhood. Many were members of the gangs and clubs in the area – the Hudsons, Mohawks, North Park, SSC – together known as CORP. Once gang bangers, many of these brothers and sisters have gone through changes. Many have been through the service, some to Vietnam. Others are now being drafted. Some have done their time in Juvenile homes, or jail. Most of these brothers and sisters have finished school and now have jobs. A few go to junior college. Many of the old CORP have been involved in the revolution, either in the service, at school, on the job, and most recently, participating in the anti-police brutality movement against Superintendent Conlisk, and in demonstrations against the war and in support of the anti-war GI's. (May 20th at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center).



Returned vets aren't allowed to hang where their homes once stood.

of years they received regular harassment from the pigs. The powers in the neighborhood include businessmen, churches, hospitals (Childrens Memorial, Grant, and Augustana) and pigs (including Assistant States Attorney Richard Jolivek who was involved along with his boss Edward Hanrahan in the murder of Black Panther Party Chairman Fred Hampton). They found that harassment didn't stop the young people, so they tried to buy them off. They "gave them the responsibility" of running a beer stand at the Old Town Art Fair in 1971, and gave them a sort of club house (supposedly to become a coffehouse) on Lincoln Ave., in between all the new fancey bars, theaters, restaurants and outrageously priced shops for rich hippies and swinging youg modern types. The club house, which some of the brothers and sisters were paid to fix up, was run by the pigs – the Illinois Youth Commission. A woman, Carol Riley, was hired as director,

Families were urban renewed out in order to build these townhouses.

As these people watched their homes get torn down and saw their families get split up, they stuck together. ("I lived in my house for 13 years and I felt a lot of anger when I watched them tear it down," said one brother.) At first they got together at a playlot at Hudson and Armitage, where for a couple a liberal do-gooder who had no understanding, and certainly no respect for where the brothers and sisters were coming from, and what had and was happening to them. After all, when she (and people like her) moved into the neighborhood it had meant that the families of these brothers and sisters were being forced out by urban renewal. She became known as the person who barred people from the place; who got mad at someone and closed the whole place; who often called the pigs; and always disregarded the opinions and wishes of the brothers and sisters who were supposed to be running the place

Eventually the pigs judged the club house – coffee house to be a failure and it was closed. The playlot at Hudson and Armitage was turned into a parking lot for Augustana Hospital. But a new playlot, with a basketball court, was built for the new, better off families moving into the urban renewed – now "safe for fancy people" neighborhood. It is located at Wisconsin and Mohawk. Its a nice playlot, not often used by the newcomers who usually spend their evenings in airconditioned apartments, bars or restaurants. The brothers and sisters who used to hang out together at the Hudson and Armitage playlot began to come around, spending evenings rapping and playing basketball.

But the presense of these young brothers and sisters, (workers, veterans, greasers, and freaks) doesn't fit well with the fancy people rapidly completing their take over of the area. On May 31st, a Wednesday night, pigs from the 18th district arrived and kicked everyone out of the park at 7:30, telling them that the order had come from alderman William Singer's office. 30 brothers and sisters marched right over to Singers office at Belden and Lincoln and demanded to talk to him. He wasn't there, but his assistant, Mac Hansborough, denied the order. But he also urged that people stay out of the park that night and said he would clear it up the next day. Harassment by the pigs didn't stop. On Thursday night, June 15th, at 7:00, the pigs came by and told everyone to be out of the park by 9:00. At 9:00 8 squad cars, 1 paddy wagon and 18 pigs arrived with their snaps off their guns, and billy clubs out, and forced everyone out of the park.

On Monday, June 19th, Rising Up Angry called alderman Singers office and talked to both Mac Hansborough and an other assistant, Dennis Sarsany. They claim to understand the hostility between the remaining old residents and the former residents, on the one hand - and the new people moving in, on the other. They admit to having to serve the new. They say that there have been some complaints, and that Sarsany told the 18th district commander to clear people out at curfew, which is 10:30. When asked if an adult (most of the brothers and sisters being forced out are adults, old enough to be drafted,and taxed) had to leave he said he didn't think so. He said there is no prohibition on people over 18, and said the cops usually don't close small parks at 11:00, like they do some of the large parks and beaches. He then said there is a fine line between what the cops can do - and can't do. He said he hoped he could clear things up and that he would call the 18th district commander's secretary right away.

Both the brothers and sisters concerned, as well as many more brothers and sisters throughout the city, and Rising Up Angry, hope he can clear it up because we don't intend to move. We resent the homes having been torn down in the first place, and the treatment of the people since. Brothers and sisters are welcome at the playlot at Mohawk and Wisconsin.

POWER TO THE SISTERS AND BROTHERS WHO STAND TOGETHER!
POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

CONLISK REFUSES TO ANSWER THE COMMUNITIES' CHARGES AGAINST THE POLICE

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19th district

For the past month, police superintendent James Conlisk has been going from district to district to hold so-called "public meetings" to respond to charges of police brutality and corruption. On Thursday, June 1, the community relations meeting with Conlisk was held in the 19th District, Town Hall. Some of us, from the Rising Up Angry legal program, had attended previous meetings so we knew what this would be like. In Uptown, the 20th district meeting should have been called "Daley relations" not "community relations". Ninety percent of the people there were either patronage workers (part of the Daley machine) or police officers (mainly plainclothesmen).

We went to the Uptown meeting hoping to speak, but we not only couldn't speak, the questions we wrote down on the cards they were supposed to read and answer were never even read off. We knew something had to be done because people from the neighborhoods weren't allowed to speak at these meetings. We knew the only way we could fight their power (running the meetings with very tight control) was with our own power (the power of the people and our numbers).

started out with some comments about how they were happy to see so many of the youth of the community there. That was the first and only compliment we got from the police at the meeting. The rest of the time they attacked us by calling us hoodlums, vandals, etc. We responded by booing them and chanting All Power to the People and Not the Police. They didn't want us to speak at this meeting, so we said if we're not allowed to speak then we won't allow you to speak. We chanted "Let our representative speak". Finally, they said "where is your representative" and with that brother Jim Russell of the RUA legal program went up to the front. He said that we'll let the police talk for a while and then we'll talk. The police agreed to this, not because they wanted to or had respect for us, but because we forced them to. We were the majority of people at the meeting. The police went on, talking about officer friendly part of the time, and verbally attacking us, the community, the rest of the time.

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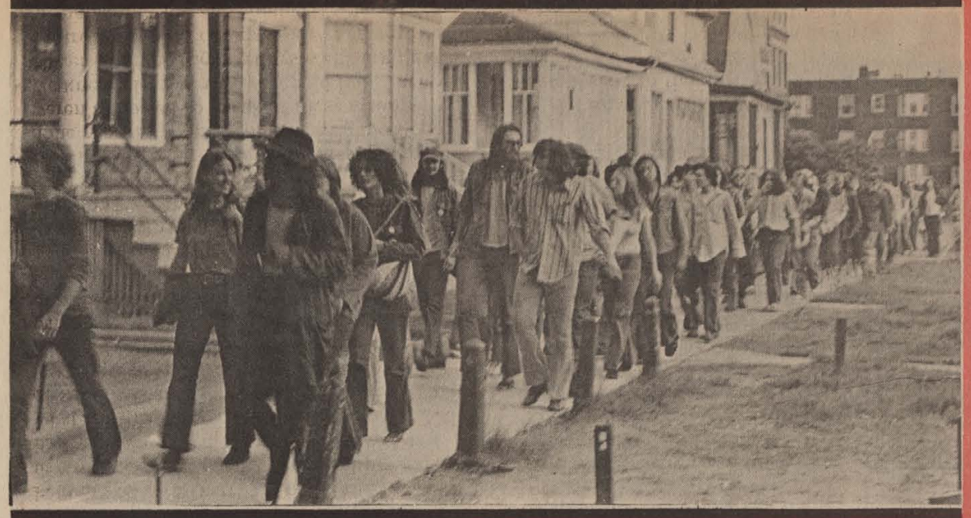

One hundred and fifty people met in the Hamilton schoolyard to march together to the 19th district meeting with Conlisk, at St. Andrews gym.

So when we found out on Wednesday that there would be a community relations meeting for the 19th district on Thursday, we put out a leaflet exposing the meetings for what they were. We told people to come and "tell Conlisk like it is". We talked to brothers and sisters, the different gangs, and older members of the community to tell them to bring their complaints together, to Conlisk's face. We said we would meet at the Hamilton school yard, 1 block away from where the meeting would be held. We asked everyone to be there between 6:00 and 6:30 even though the meeting didn't start until 7:30 because the previous meetings had all been packed with politicians by 7:15. If you weren't there early you couldn't get in. People started coming at about 6:15 and by 6:35 we had over 150 people. We marched down to the meeting which was held at St. Andrews gym. The police knew when they saw us come marching down the block that we weren't there to congratulate them for the brutality they have inflicted upon the people of the 19th district and other communities throughout Chicago. We were there to tell them the truth "like it is and how we wanted it to be".

But they weren't interested in what we had to say. We got to the gym at 6:40 and although they Daley machine people were allowed in the meeting then, we were told we couldn't come in until 7:00. Finally, they let us in. Everyone who came in with us was frisked at the door, something that never happened at any of the previous meetings. By the time the meeting started we had over 200 people in the crowd compared to less than 150 Daley patronage workers and policemen. The meeting

Bill Bonner, head of the Rising Up Angry Legal Program, reads a list of demands against the police to people before entering the 14th & 15th district meetings with Conlisk.

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The microphones were then open for questions from the audience. A Latin man got up and asked about a friend of his, Mr. Rojas, who's stores were bombed and burned down after he reported some 19th district policemen for "shaking him down". Commander Rae, of the 19th, evaded the question. There were a few more questions asked from the floor that Superintendent Conlisk, Commander Rae, or any of the other big wigs from the Chicago police, could not or would not answer or just evaded. By the time Conlisk refused to answer a brother from Vietnam Veterans Against the War who asked why the red squad has VVAW under constant surveilance, everyone was so tired of the twisting and turning and evading that over 200 of us got up and walked out shouting POWER TO THE PEOPLE, COMMUNITY CONTROL OF THE POLICE–NOT POLICE CONTROL OF THE COMMUNITY!!

14th & 15th districts

On June 6th, a Tuesday, another community relations meeting was planned for the 14th and 15th districts. This was the first of these meetings to be combined with another district. Conlisk had said he would go to each district individually; but, he changed his mind due to the angry response of the people to these rigged meetings. He decided to get them over as soon as possible. So, he combined the 14th and 15th districts into one meeting. Legal representatives from the Rising Up Angry legal program went to this meeting with young people and some older people from the community. Conlisk and his lackies reported in the press that we were outside agitators, which was a lie. He did this so he didn't have to answer to the complaints of the people.

This meeting pulled out more of the Daley machine and police than any of the other ones, due to the fact that it's alderman Thomas Keane's ward, the number 2 man in the Democratic machine. (He is the one, at the city council meetings, who sleeps all the time until he hears arguing - then he gets up and says, "God bless Mayor Daley.") They had about 600 police and party hacks and there were about 150 of us. It was much more tense than the 19th district meeting because the 14th district police are well known for their brutality - Shakespeare is called, by many, the hanging station.

Keane was introduced and the police and their backers rose to their feet and gave him a 5 minute ovation. As soon as they were done, we rose to our feet shouting, "Power to the People." Then commander Mueller, from the 14th district, got up and started telling lies. So, some people who came with us and who have been subject to a lot of brutality by the police, started shouting - bullshit! They were attacked by the police and the politicians who came at them and the rest of us with chairs, fists, and clubs. The police then lined up and pushed everybody who was young out the back door. They put 2 people in the hospital and arrested 6. Our intentions in coming to the meeting in the first place were to meet with Conlisk and tell him the problems we have with the police. When we go to speak about police brutality, what happens? We are attacked by the police and the machine thugs. Such barbaric action is typical in Daley's Chicago.

This foolish attempt to silence us did not work. We went out in front and joined the picket line that was set up by about 50 people from the Northwest Community Organization and the Organization for a Better Austin, who wouldn't even attend the meeting because of the political overtones. It was clear to them that alderman Keane and the Daley machine were meeting with Conlisk - not the community. In fact, we, members of the community and people from the RUA legal program,were attacked and thrown out. But our spirit was high on the picket line. People were shouting, Power to the People and carrying signs that said, STOP THE MACHINE. The picket line was fully representative of the community. There were small businessmen, housewives, young people, old people and even a nun. But we were never listened to.

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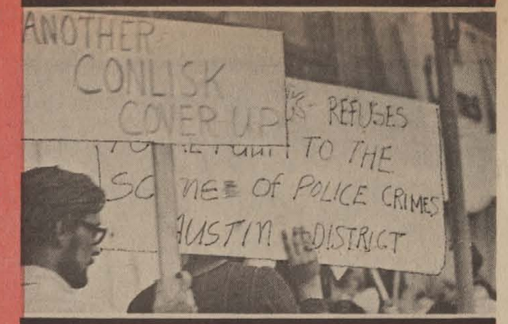
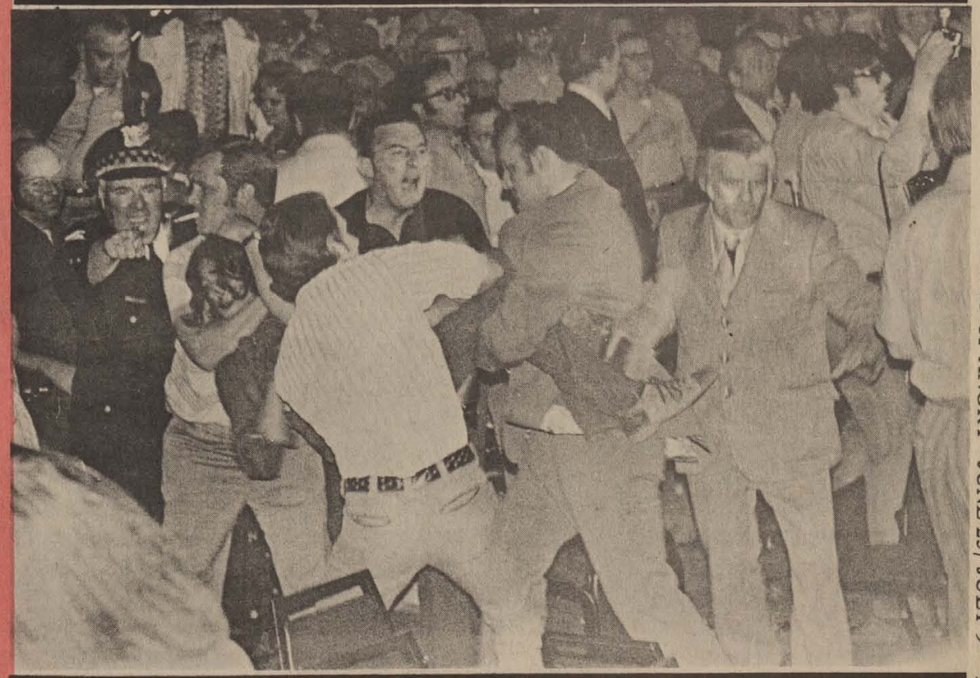


After the fight inside the meeting, people joined a picket line outside that had been set up by people from Northwest Community Organization & the Organization for a Better Austin.



Emotions were high on both sides. When people yelled that commander Mueller, from the 14th district, was telling lies - the police and politicians came at them, and the rest of us, with chairs, fists and clubs.

POLICE BRUTALITY

There has been a lot of talk recently about police brutality - in the newspapers, on TV, and by some members of the city government and police department. These people are acting like this is a new problem, a new issue - when we know that people have been suffering from the violence of the police for a long time. The police say they are not violent; the people are. But, let's look at the facts.

An organization called the Chicago Law Enforcement Study Group at Northwestern University made a study and reported that the Chicago police are killing people at a higher rate than in any other city in the country. During the year 1969-70 there were 79 civilians killed by Chicago police. That's more than New York, which has twice the population. 75% of those killed were Black, and the report showed that people 25 and under were twice as likely to get killed as someone older than 25. Fifteen of the 79 cases studied were people killed by off-duty cops and over half of these 15 murders happened either in bars or right outside. Out of these 79 killings, the police only pressed charges against two of the policemen; the state's attorney's office sent four of the cases to the grand jury, but in NONE of the cases was a policeman convicted of murder.

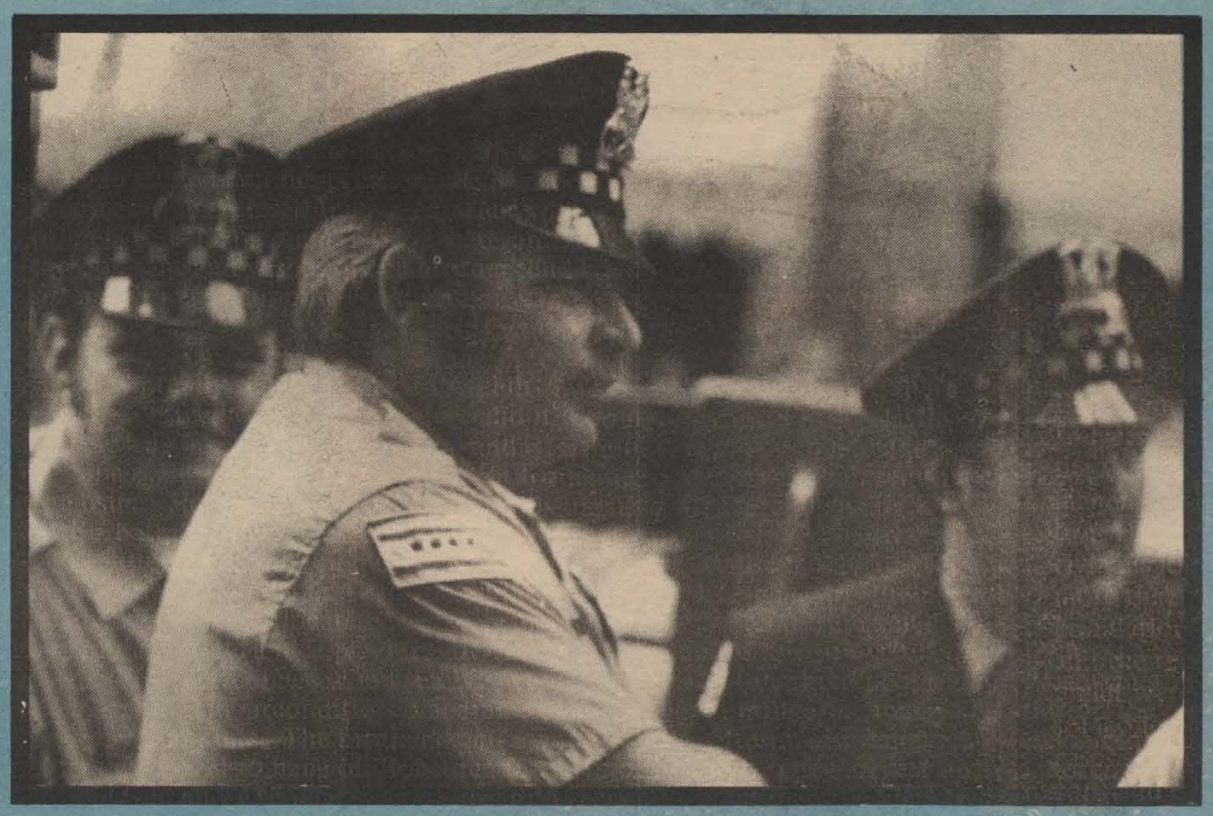
Look at some of the cases of the 79 people killed. A woman called the police because someone was trying to rape her. The cop came and when he heard her scream, he fired his shotgun at the front door. The woman, on the other side of the door, was killed by the blast. The police department ruled that the murder was accidental and suspended the cop for one day, even though he was obviously incompetent and broke one of their rules about only shooting at something in clear sight.

On February 4, 1972, Bruce Aguina was shot to death in the basement washroom at Walgreens in the loop. The man who shot Bruce is Sgt. James Johnson, a Chicago policeman, who claimed that he shot Bruce accidently when he tried to hit Bruce in the head with his gun. He said Bruce was "making noise". The coroner's jury ruled the death accidental and no action was taken against Sgt. Johnson, who is still free to cause more "accidental deaths".

In several of the 79 murder cases, the police claimed that the victims had weapons and were shot because the police involved feared for their lives. But witnesses to all these murders said that the victims had no weapons and in one case, a brother had his hands in the air when he was shot in the back of the head by a policeman.

The study made by the people at Northwestern did not include the 6 (so far) men that have just been discovered to have been murdered and their bodies were dumped in the river. These 6 men were all murdered by members of the Chicago Police Department who are also tied in with drugs. And who knows how many more have been killed by the police and successfully "covered up".

The cases of blatant brutality, that fortunately didn't end up with murder, are too many to even record them all. This winter a woman from around Division and Ashland went into the C & L Restaurant there to get some change for a phone call. No one was behind the counter, so she made some change from money that was sitting on the counter.



The owner and a policeman came out and started shoving her around and called the police to take her into the Wood Street station. There, about 15 police, including the ones in charge, started calling her names and beating on her because she had an army jacket on so they thought she was a "hippy". They didn't like hippies. The next morning when she went to woman's court the judge took one look at her and ordered an investigation because she had been beaten so badly.

Just a couple of months ago, a brother had to go to court at Wood Street and two friends went along with him. The case was continued and the bailiffat the court thought the brother was supposed to be in lockup and grabbed him to take him there. The brother pulled away and started to explain that he was out on bail when about 15 police jumped on him and his two friends - right there in court. As soon as the police started beating on them, the judge ran out of the courtroom. They were taken to another room where the police continued beating them, holding one brother down on the floor and kicking him in the face.

At the Rising Up Angry Legal Clinic we handled over 500 cases in the last year. At least 1 out of 3 people who come in for legal aid has been physically beaten by the police. And this just tells a part of the picture because many people never report the beatings.

All these examples are just a few of the abuses that take place daily. Many community people and organizations have been complaining for a long time. On the police force, over half the Black policemen belong to the Afro-American Patrolmen's League. They want to reform the police force because they can see that it doesn't "serve the people." When Chairman Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, both of the Black Panther Party, were killed, they came out and told the truth - that Hanrahan had them murdered. The League has opened an office where they take complaints against the police and check them out because the department never moves on complaints. Since January of this year, they have received over 300 complaints of police abuse from citizens in their community. Renault Robinson, one of the leaders of the Afro-American Patrolmen's League, has called for more strict enforcement of the gun registration, even the ones that police carry. He said, "Registration of all such weapons would put a stop to the charges that policemen plant so-called throwaway guns on dead bodies or at places where citizens have been wounded by policemen." Robinson was pointing out a commonly known practice of police that many of them carry 2 or 3 guns, in order to use them as plants.

Other people pointing out police abuse include Congressman Metcalfe, Operation PUSH, several Latin organizations; and they are all calling for the same things - removal of task force police from communities, citizen review boards of police misconduct, psychological testing of police for racism, and more police should live in the communities where they work. The main things people are demanding is some type of community - citizen control over the police. Now, when a complaint is made by someone against the police there is no public review or investigation of the facts. The only people that can check the situation out are the police themselves and they never make their finding public. They say they don't want citizen review boards because they think that the people aren't competent to judge the police, when, in reality, they are simply afraid to face the people. But, the police have gone too far and the people are mad. That's why Superintendent Conlisk had to go to the districts having what he called "community meetings." But, if you've gone to any of these you know that they, too, are a hoax. It is becoming very clear that Daley, and Conlisk, as well as policemen, aren't concerned about police brutality. But we are concerned and we will have to stop it.

We have to know the tactics of the police. A lot of times they bust people on what they call "cover charges." They beat somebody up and then arrest them for resisting arrest or aggravated battery so that they can say they had to use force to subdue the person to hide the fact that they have brutalized them. When the police come around busting people we should remember that if a large group of people come around that will sometimes stop them from beating people. When someone does get busted we have to be witnesses so that we can get our side of the story told in court. And people should always have a lawyer, which you can get through the RUA Legal Clinic. If you get beaten up please call and tell us so we can start investigating this brutality. We have to give each other support and let the police know that someone is watching them!

STOP POLICE BRUTALITY!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

THE TRUTH ABOUT GEORGE WALLACE

George Wallace - the honky tonk politician from Alabama; scratch the surface and you've got a southern version of Adolph Hitler. A man who talks about the real grievances of the people, but offers no real solutions to the problems. A man who plays on people's confused racist fears. He talks tough and tries to come on like "the poor man's savior" but, like Hitler, the only poor man he is interested in is himself. And he will do anything and say anything to get himself in power. Black people know Wallace for what he really is. But, there are many whites who are still confused by him because they only know what he says - they don't know what he does.

What does Wallace do? He talks a lot about taxes, that's one of his favorite subjects. In 1963 and 1967 Wallace promised the people of Alabama to end the sales tax on groceries. That sure helped to get him elected. But, he's what you might call a little slow because there is still a tax on groceries. In fact, when he took office he raised sales taxes to 6% and he raised beer and tobacco taxes. 75% of the Alabama state budget comes from consumer taxes. Now when you compare that to most other states, in which 50% of the state budgets come from consumer taxes (the people) and the other 50% comes from corporation taxes (the pigs), it's clear who Wallace is working for. The people of Alabama pay a higher percent of taxes from their income than in 29 other states.

With all those taxes you would think the people were getting high wages. Wrong! To make sure that Alabama is run for big business instead of for the people, George Wallace has maintained some of the worst anti-labor laws on the books; such as the "right to work" law which means there can be no closed union shops in the state of Alabama. There is also a law which says that state employees (except dock workers) cannot be in unions and if they try and organize one, they will be automatically fired. Alabama is also one of the 16 states in the country without a minimum wage and one of 21 states that doesn't guarantee equal pay for equal work.

So if you're in Alabama you get a little check and big taxes and then what do you get in return? Close to nothing. State money spent on education, health and welfare in Alabama is the 3rd lowest in the country. Alabama spends $489 per student while in New York, New Jersey, Vermont, they spend over $1,000 per student. Little wonder that the drop out rates in high schools in Alabama is the 2nd highest in the country.

But, if you're really poor in Alabama (and that's a lot of people) you've got it worst of all. Alabama has the 2nd highest poverty rate in the country and Wallace pays these families on welfare $13.00 a month compared to a national average of $112 a month (not that anyone can live on $112 - but $13 is a death sentence.) George talks a lot about our poor old people, too. In 1963 he talked to the old people in Alabama and promised them an 100% increase in their old age pensions. Well, he didn't quite keep that one either. Old age pensions have been increases from $69.30 to $69.66 - that's 36¢ that they can spend on taxes when they buy food.

But the worst part about George hasn't even been mentioned yet. George Wallace is one of the worst racists around. He rigs the laws and taxes in his state in favor of big business and corporations, leaving the "little people" he talks about all the time to suffer under these conditions - and then, he says to the people (white people) in Alabama that Blacks are causing all the problems; Blacks are asking for too much . The conditions for poor people in Alabama are very bad, but Blacks have it worse there, as everywhere in the country. George Wallace has a pie, and he cut the smallest piece for the working people in Alabama. Then he divided that piece between Blacks and whites; giving the smallest piece to Blacks. When Blacks say they want more, Wallace sits back and tells white people that they are after the white people's share - he never talks about the three-quarters of the pie that corporations and big businesses are slobbering over. His twisted logic is calculated to keep the people divided. When he said, "segregation today, tomorrow and forever," it was the one time George said something he meant. His record is one racist move after another.

And so, there is George Wallace, playing king, and the people are the pawns. He throws them a crumb and sits back smiling because he thinks they're so racially divided they don't have the power to fight back. But George's game is already being called. There are many people in Alabama who see through him, and they're mad. These people cover a wide range-from the workers to the politicians on top. For example, this year Robert Vance, head of the democratic party in Alabama, ran as an anti-Wallace delegate for the democratic convention - and he won. In fact, one-sixth of the delegates going to the convention from Alabama are anti-Wallace. Those delegates are just the surface of a tremendous and growing anti-Wallace sentiment.

And, the people in the rest of the country should learn from this. Because, even though George Wallace tries to come off as a "people's candidate", it is obvious that he isn't anything but a rich man's pig.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

LEAD POISONING IN CHICAGO

Currently there is talk in Congress about the problem of lead poisoning. Damage to children from eating paint or plaster with lead in it can be very severe and the problem is wide spread in Chicago. The following is an interview with Shirley Chaparra who lives in the Lincoln Park - Lakeview area of the city. Shirley has three children; two of her children are victims of lead poisoning.

RUA: When did you first hear about lead poisoning?

Shirley: In the summer of 1971. A health nurse from the Board of Health came around to the building I was living in and wanted the mothers to take all the kids in the building for tests. So, I took my two boys and it showed up that they did have lead poisoning. They had to be treated for it that summer and in the beginning of winter I took them for the test again. They had to be treated again.

RUA: How did they get lead poisoning?

Shirley: It was from eating falling plaster and chipping paint. The Board of Health came out and checked the apartment. They used a machine to check the walls for lead and they did have lead in them. But the Board of Health or the city never did anything about it.

RUA: Where did you live when the kids got the poisoning?

Shirley: 1316 W. George, I paid $120 a month rent. Plaster was falling from the living room window, in the bathroom, in the kitchen, pantry and in the middle bedroom. I was on ADC at the time and was getting only $212 a month. So, after I paid rent I only had $92 left to pay my bills and feed myself and 2 kids for the month. There was no way I could have spared the money to fix the apartment myself.

RUA: When you moved in, did the landlord promise to make repairs on the place?

Shirley: Yes, he promised to fix the place up but he never got around to it. I kept asking him if he had the paint and stuff to re-do the apartment. My brother and some friends were going to help me do it. But the landlord, Bob Sidek, never came through.

RAU: How many families were living in the building when you found out the kids had lead poisoning?

Shirley: About 16 families, and most of them took their kids to be tested. A lot of them showed up with lead, but they didn't take their kids back for shots. The reason they didn't was because I think they really didn't know what could happen to the kids. You see, nobody explained that the kids could have brain damage or even die.

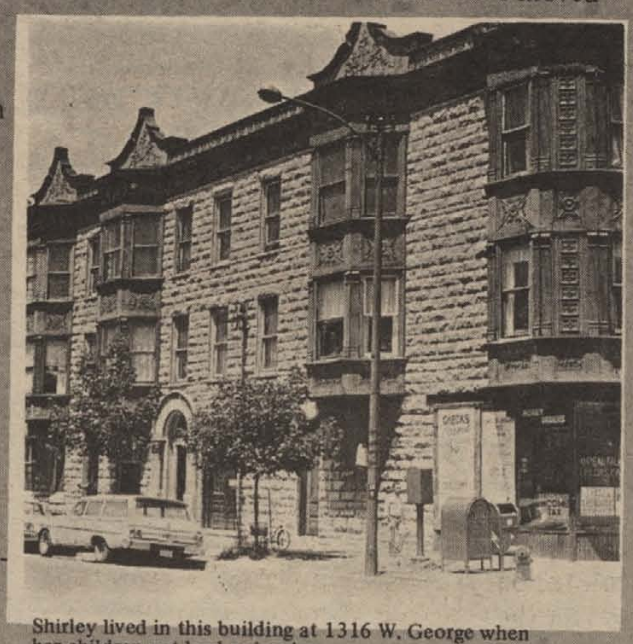
RUA: Do you think that Tony or Junior have suffered any permanent damage?

Shirley: Yes, I think my oldest son, Junior, has, in his legs and joints, he walks kind of stiff. But, when I was taking them in for treatment the first time, at the Board of Health station on Sheridan, they never told me anything about the kids.

Two of Mrs. Chaparra's children who have been found to be suffering from lead poisoning.

RUA: You mean they wouldn't give you the results of the tests they took?

Shirley: That's right. They did developmental tests on Tony and Junior and never told me anything about the effects of the lead poisoning. They asked me a bunch of questions, too. Questions that had nothing to do with the problem of them getting lead poisoning or treating them. They were asking things about whether or not I was a fit mother. That was the first time I took the kids in. I moved after that, to a better place. But the kids had gotten so much lead that it had settled in their bones. So, I had to take them back. This time I took them to Children's Memorial Hospital. They didn't tell me much of anything there either, except that I should bring the kids back for another test in May. In May I took them to the Free People's Health Center and had their blood tested. The results showed that the kids had a very high lead level. So, we (myself and friends from the clinic) took them to Children's Memorial where they were hospitalized for treatment.



Shirley lived in this building at 1316 W. George when her children got lead poisoning.

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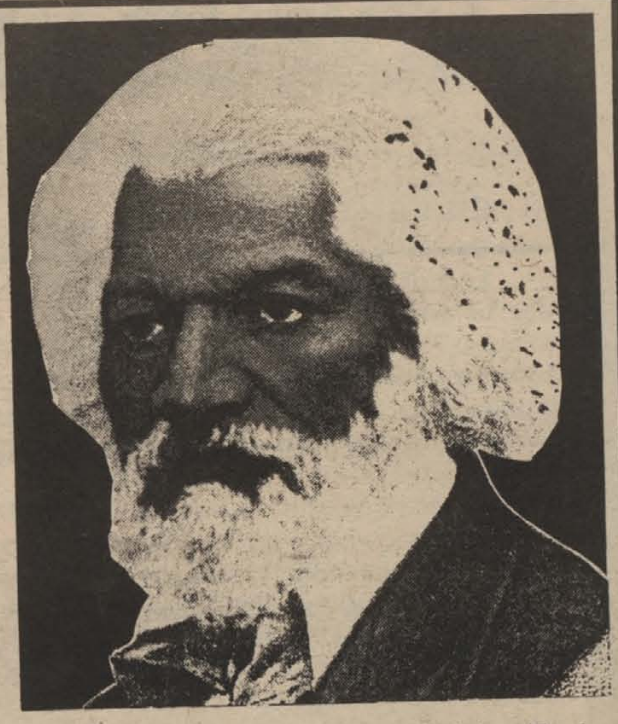
The Free People's Health Center is going to request the children's records from all the places where they have been tested and treated in order to review what has been done and what has to be done in the future to insure the best treatment for them. All of these things will be discussed thoroughly with Mrs. Chaparra to make sure that she and her children will understand any problems that may come up in the future concerning lead poisoning or any other health problem

The Free People's Health Center is planning to take a bus into the Lincoln Park and Lakeview communities to do lead testing. If you want to help or want more information, call Rising Up Angry at 472 - 1791.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS

You probably never heard much about Frederick Douglass. He was a run-away slave; he didn't make much money; and he fought for the liberation of his people and the unity of all people. In other words, he was a Black revolutionary - so he didn't get a lot of space in history books.



Frederick Douglass was born in Talbot County, Maryland, around 1817. He never knew his father and he seldom saw his mother since she worked as a slave on a plantation 12 miles away. At the age of 7 he was taken to the home of his master, Captain Anthony, where he learned the realities of slave life. For the next 3 years he fought with the dogs for the crumbs that fell from the kitchen table.

When he was 10 he was lent to Captain Anthony's cousin. She had a good heart and taught Frederick how to read and write. But the lessons ended the moment she told her husband of the progress he was making. Her husband prohibited any further instruction on the ground that "learning would spoil any nigger." But Frederick was determined to continue to learn. He converted white children into teachers when he met them in the street by having them help him with the spelling book he kept hidden in his pocket.

When his master died, Frederick was in his teens. His new master turned him over to a "Negro breaker." From January to August of 1834, Douglass was overworked, flogged daily and almost starved to death. After 6 months of such brutality, Douglass fought back and beat up the "Negro breaker." Frederick never forgot the fight: "I was changed after being in that fight. I was nothing before, I was a man now...with a renewed determination to be a free man...I had reached the point at which I was not afraid to die. This spirit made me a free man, in fact, though I remained a slave in form."

On September 2, 1838, after much planning, Douglass escaped from slavery. Posing as a free Black sailor (with false papers) he travelled by train from Baltimore to Philadelphia, and then to New York. However, he discovered that life was not simple in the North. A fugitive slave was no freer than a slave in Baltimore, and in the depression of 1837 jobs were hard to find. He had learned to be a ship builder as a slave, but he couldn't use his skills to find work because white workers objected. So, he took any unskilled job he could, and his wife, a free Black woman he had married in the North, worked as a domestic.

He constantly tried to improve his reading and writing skills, sometimes staying up half the night after working all day. He began to write articles for liberal anti-slavery papers and speak at meetings. He became an active organizer for the Massachusettes anti-slavery society. Many people came to listen to his vivid accounts of slavery and went away supporting the abolition (free the slaves) movement. But, often there were pro-slavery mobs that almost killed Douglass and other speakers. Douglass became such a good speaker that some people began to doubt he was ever a slave. So, he published all the information about his life, including the name of his master. This left him open to recapture, so the anti-slavery society sent him to speak in Europe until things cooled down. He was away for 2 years. During that time he spoke to many audiences and helped build a strong anti-slavery movement in Europe to support the struggle in America. While in Europe, he also began to understand that all working people were exploited. He wrote letters back to America describing the conditions of the workers in England, Scotland, and Ireland. When some people critisised him because they thought he should just concern himself with the problems of slavery, he replied: "...Though I am more closely connected and identified with one class of outraged, oppressed and enslaved people, I cannot allow myself to be insensible to the wrongs and suffering of any part of the great family of man. I am not only an American slave, but a man, and as such, am bound to use my powers for the welfare of the whole human brotherhood. I believe that the sooner the wrongs of the whole human family are made known, the sooner those wrongs will be reached."

After 2 years in Europe Douglass wanted to return to America to continue the struggle. But, he couldn't because he'd be arrested. Some English friends, therefore, raised $750 to buy Douglass' freedom and placed the bill of sale in his hands. While returning to America, Douglass, who had become an international figure, was not allowed to rent a cabin on the ship. He had to sleep in steerage and take his meals alone. He brought this to the attention of the British public and because of public protest, the owner of the ships was forced to publicly promise such discrimination would not happen on his ships again.

When he returned to the U.S., Douglass continued speaking against slavery, fighting discrimination whenever he ran into it and began a newspaper, the North Star. It was a people's paper and he constantly had to raise money for it, relying mainly on contributions from the people. In the paper, not only did he continue to fight for the freedom of Blacks, he also supported the rights of women. In the first issue of his paper he had the slogan, "Right is of no sex." He was the only man at the first convention on woman's rights to support the call for woman's sufferage (vote). In a speech, which helped swing many votes, he pointed out that political equality was essential for the complete liberation of women.

In addition to speaking and writing, Frederick Douglass was a "station master" (he hid slaves) and "conductor" (he transported fugitive slaves) for the underground railroad. Often his earnings would go to the aid of fugitive slaves who were frequently hidden in his home. He also supported Harriet Tubman and Sojorner Truth, two Black women who worked for the underground railroad, stating that they were the true heroes of the struggle against slavery.

When the Civil War began, Douglass stressed the importance of Black men being allowed to fight for their people's freedom. He wanted to make sure the Civil War meant the end of slavery and the freedom of Blacks. The Black soldiers were finally accepted in the army after an 18 month struggle, but they were paid a lower salary than white soldiers, even though they did the same kind of fighting and work. In fact, their work was more hazardous, for if they were captured they were either massacred as an example or sold at the slave block. Douglass didn't trust any of the promises of the government. He observed in a speech, in 1865, that Blacks were always citizens in time of national trouble; what he wanted was to have Blacks as citizens, "all over the country - not only in time of war, but in time of peace." The American people, he said, owed the Black people a debt which could only be paid by full freedom. Freedom was not just emancipation. Freedom was full political, economic and civil rights.

Frederick Douglass didn't know that the struggle would still be going on 100 years later, in fact the struggle has grown to include the whole world. But his advice and observations are still important today:

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightening. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. This struggle may be a moral one; or it may be a physical one; or it may be both moral and physical; but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did, and it never will...The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress... Men may not get all they pay for in this world; but they must certainly pay for all they get. If we ever get free from all oppressions and wrongs heaped upon us, we must pay for their removal. We must do this by labor, by suffering, by sacrifice, and, if needs be, by our lives, and the lives of others."

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GI'S ON THE MOVE

The brass doesn't want EM (enlisted men) to know that there are demonstrations going on all over the world; they want people to feel isolated, like you'd be the only one willing to take a chance. But learning about what other sisters and brothers have done in the past, and are doing now, gives us the spirit and encouragement to continue our struggle.

Lots of brothers who are new in the service, or who are just getting hip to where things are really at, don't know too much about the history of GI resistance to the war in Indochina. Most civilians rarely hear about those courageous brothers and sisters who have enough nerve to speak out against the war and the brass even though they are in the service. It's only when a reporter happens to see GIs resisting the military that it ever makes TV or the papers, and sometimes even then it doesn't make it. The brass doesn't want EM (enlisted men) to know that there are demonstrations going on all over the world; they want people to feel isolated, like you'd be the only one willing to take a chance. But learning about what other sisters and brothers have done in the past, and are doing now, gives us the spirit and encouragement to continue our struggle.

Rising Up Angry feels that everytime pig Nixon and his cronies in the pentagon escalate the war against the people of Indochina, the GIs should escalate their war against the military machine. So we want to run down some examples of what GIs have done in order to give people spirit and encouragement and ideas. The following 3 examples are just examples of random actions that have been taking place over the past few years, wherever U.S. GIs are stationed. This resistance is growing everyday and will continue to grow and escalate until the government of the U.S. is run by the people, for the people (not by the rich for the rich).

FT. JACKSON, S.C.

On March 20, 1969, 100 GIs held an on base anti-war meeting. The 8 brothers who organized the meeting, called the Ft. Jackson 8, were busted. But because they had so much support, both on the base and around the country, the charges against these brothers were dropped. Thats what the power of the people can do!

FT. HOOD, TEXAS

In 1971, Armed Farces Day was on May 15, and thousands of GIs across the country held demonstrations that disrupted the pigs Armed Forces Day. One of the biggest demonstrations was at Ft. Hood, Texas. Later on that year on Veterans Day, October 25, 1971, 500 GIs from the Ft. Hood United Front, a revolutionary GI organization, marched against the war in Indochina and for freedom for all political prisoners. 118 of them were busted for "parading without a permit". This didn't slow down the GI movement at Ft. Hood—it's still going strong.

FT. MCCLELLAN, ALABAMA

On July 30, 1971, General Westmoreland was speaking at Ft. McClellan so GIs and WACs United, an anti-war GI group, tried to present the pig with a peoples peace treaty signed by over 200 people. This treaty stated that the American people did not want the war to continue any longer. Of course, the general wouldn't accept it so the sisters and brothers set up this picket line in front of the gates of the fort. Seeing active duty GIs and WACs picketing a general really freaked the lifers out!

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Ft. Jackson, S.C. *Ft. Jackson 8.* GI's who organized an on-post anti-war meeting and were busted.

Killeen, Texas. *Armed Farces Day.* Ft. Hood GI's hold an anti-war march as thousands of brothers and sisters across the country disrupt the Pentagon's plans.

Ft. McClellan, Ala. *GI's-WAC's United* leading a picket while Westmoreland speaks on post.

RISING UP ANGRY

programs to serve the people

RISING UP ANGRY serves the people in as many ways as we can. Besides our newspaper that gives revolutionary news from around the city, the country and the world, we have programs that help us deal with the problems that people have to face every day. Our office is at 2744 N. Lincoln Avenue and our phone is 472 - 1791. Please contact us if we can serve you and your family in any way.

LEGAL PROGRAM Our Legal Program includes advice for: criminal cases, housing, draft, military, or just hassles of any kind with the law. Our lawyers are inexpensive and sometimes free. No one is turned away for lack of money. The two legal clinics are at: the Rising Up Angry Office – 2744 N. Lincoln Avenue – Wednesday nights between 7 and 9pm. and at the Albany Park Community Center – 4949 N. Kedzie – 588 - 8735 on Tuesday nights between 7 and 9pm. Call RUA for any more information.

FREE HEALTH CARE Rising Up Angry is working with the Fritzi Englestein Free People's Health Center at 2747 N. Wilton Avenue. The clinic provides every kind of medical care – free! The clinic is open on Tuesday nights from 6 to 9pm and Wednesday nights from 6 to 9pm. Call 348 - 8578.

FOR OUR SISTERS Our sisters try to meet some of the special problems that women face. The services are: Welfare and legal counseling on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9pm at 2744 N. Lincoln Avenue. (divorces, unwed mothers, juveniles, etc.) Pre-natal and pediatric care at Fritzi Englestein Free People's Health Center (see above, Free Health Care). For free, legal abortion counseling, call Jane at 643-3844.

If your afternoons are free, you can come into the office and meet someone to sell papers with. If your evenings are free, you can work at the Clinic or on the Legal Program. You can work on the Sisters Program anytime. If you have any money to spare, it will be used to keep all the programs going. Please call us and help serve the people. All of our programs have a place for you.

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There are many other ways you can help serve the people. Making the revolution is a long lifetime process. Revolution never ends, it only begins. Anything you can do can help the people, whether you can work full time or only an hour a week.

You can become involved in SERVING THE PEOPLE, by doing outreach in schools and neighborhoods, helping produce revolutionary literature, selling RISING UP ANGRY, working with sisters, the Angry Legal Program, or the Free People's Health Center.

We need people for these and many more things: office work, people's theater, demonstrations, make posters, take photos, fix cars, paint walls, do art work, type, carpentry, printing, plumbing, electrician, pass out leaflets, sell papers, make phone calls, get medical supplies, office supplies, play music, sew banners, cook, etc. We need your help: the people need your help. TOGETHER WE WILL WIN

Fill out this form and send it in. We will let you know about events RISING UP ANGRY is participating in or sponsoring, such as mass meetings, rallies, demonstrations, people's dances and more.

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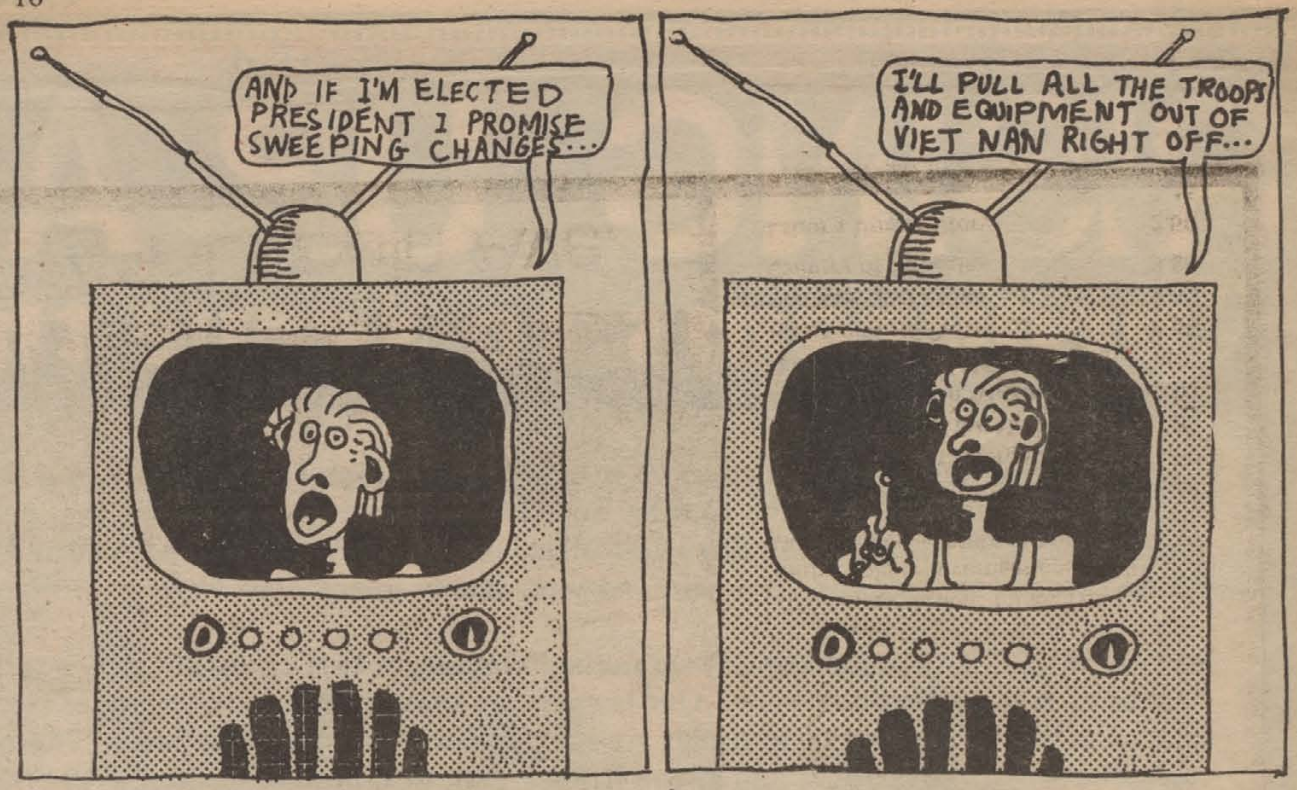
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